

REMARKS

Claims 1-88 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5, 12-18 and 31-33 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claims 11, 19, 20, 22-25 and 30 have been amended to more clearly define the invention.

Claims 34-88 have been newly added to further define the invention.

Claims 34-43 are directed to a process for preparing a mixture of (4) and (6).

Claims 44-55 are directed to a process for preparing a mixture of (4a), (7) and (8).

Claims 56-63 are directed to a process for preparing a mixture of preferable (4) and (6).

Claims 64-75 are directed to a process for preparing a mixture of (4), (7) and (8).

Claims 76-85 are directed to a process for preparing a mixture of (4a) and (6).

Claim 86 is directed to a process for preparing a mixture of (4).

Claim 87 is directed to a process for preparing a mixture of (4a).

Claim 88 is directed to a process for preparing a mixture of preferable (4).

Support for the claims as amended appears throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. Specifically, regarding claims 34-88, support is found on page 19, line 4 to page 25, line 1, and page 53, line 9 to page 128, line 16 (particularly, page 110, line 17 to page 115, line 14) of the present specification.

No new matter has been added.

It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated **January 21, 2004**.

In view of the amendments to the claims, the new claims and the remarks set forth below, further and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 19 and 30 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner states that claims 11 and 30 recite the indefinite and vague term “type” and that claim 19 recites the indefinite and vague term “if desired.” The Examiner requires appropriate correction.

Regarding claim 19, the Examiner states that this claim is further indefinite because it recites both a broad and a narrow range, for various components.

Claims 11, 19, 20-25 and 30 have been amended to remove indefinite terms and to more clearly define the present invention.

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is submitted that claims 6-11, 19-30 and 34-88 are clear and definite within the meaning of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

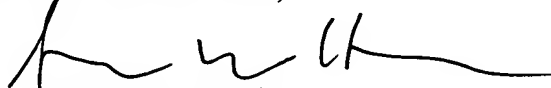
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 11, 19 and 20, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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